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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Y. HASHIMOTO, et al  
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For: MASS SPECTROMETER AND MASS SPECTROMETRIC METHOD  
Group: 2881  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action December 19, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendment of the Specification;

Amendment of the Claims;

Amendment of the Abstract; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.

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